Privatisation of Health Care

602. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Finance and Policy have conducted any study about privatisation of health care and submitted their report titled "Utilisation pattern and financing of public hospitals";

(b) the main purpose of the study;

(c) the recommendations/findings of the Institute; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) The National Institute of Public Finance and Policy. New Delhi has not carried out any specific study about the privatisation of health care; however, a study on the "Utilisation Patter and Financing of Public Hospitals" has been carried out by them. The main purpose of the study is to examine the utilisation and financing of secondary and tertiary level Government hospitals (having 100 beds or more) with a view to ascertaining the efficacy of use of resources and the unit costs including issue of augmenting their internal resources by recovering a part of the cost of services provided by them while exempting bulk of the population from payment of user charges. The report has not yet been formally submitted to the Government as it is still in the draft stage, and recommendations etc. are yet to be finalised.

Recruitment of women in Armed Forces

603. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued directions to recruit women in the armed forces also; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the three wings of the military to recruit women and the norms prescribed for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Government approved induction of women as officers in the 'non-combatant' branches of the Armed Forces. The recruitment of women as officers is made in the following branches of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force;

Army: Artillery, Engineers, Signals, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps. EME, Army Education Corps, Intelligence and the Judge Advocate General Branch.

Navy: Education, Logistics, Law, Air Traffic Control.

Air: Flying, Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics),

Force: Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical), Administration, Logistics, Accounts, Education, Meteorology.

The induction of women is restricted to the Officers Cadre on Short Service Commissioned basis initially for a period of 5 years, except in the technical branch of Air Force, where it is for a period of three years.

The number of women officers so far commissioned in the above branches of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force arc 124, 43 and 145 respectively. The number of women officers undergoing

training in the Army, the Navy and the Air Force are 24, 6 and 35 respectively.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of (Industry (Deptt. of Industrial Policy & Promotion)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, a copy (English & Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion) Notification S.O. No. 570(E), dated the 23rd June, 1995, publishing the newsprint (Regulation of Production and Distribution) Order, 1995

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(The Deputy Chairman *in the Chair)*

I. Report (1993-94) of the Union Public Service Commission New Delhi and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Deptt. of Personnel and Training).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): I lay on the Table:—

I. (1) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under clause (1) of Article 323 of the Constitution:—

(i) Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94.

(ii) Memorandum explaining reasons for non-acceptance of the advice of the Union Public Service Commission referred to in Chapter VIII of the Fourty-fourth Annual Report for the year 1993-94.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) given reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under subsection (2) of Section 3 of the All India Services Act, 1951:—

(1) G.S.R. NO. 90 dated the 4th March, 1995, publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Amendment Regulations, 1995.

(2) G.S.R. No. 91 dated the 4th March, 1995, publishing the Indian Police Service (Pay) Amendment Rules,. 1995.

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REPORT AND MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA (Punjab): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-second Report of the Standing Committee on Communications on the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Bill, 1995 relating to the Ministry of Communications and the Minutes of the Sittings of the Committee relating thereto.